# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:373
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TRADE POLICY GROUP
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

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(a) whether India has agreed to set up a formal Trade Policy Group for a regular dialogue with USA; (

(b) if so, the details thereof; (

(c) the names of the 42 Indian goods for which USA has announced restoration of duty free benefits recently; and (

(d) the time by which the formal Trade Policy Group is likely to be set up?

## Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ( SHRI MURASOLI MARAN )

(a), (b) and (d): An Indo- US Working Group to engage in regular discussion to enhance cooperation on trade policy was set up as part of the institutional dialogue between India and the US, initiated during the visit of President Clinton to India in March 2000. During the visit of Mr. Robert B. Zoellick, the United States Trade Representative (USTR) to New Delhi in August 2001, both sides agreed to operationalise the bilateral trade policy dialogue at the Ministerial level, and agreed that further details about its working framework would be worked out at the levels of officials of the two countries. No specific time frame has been envisaged.

(c) : The names of the 42 Indian products for which USA had announced restoration of duty free benefits on August 22nd 2001 are given in the attached statement.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART ( C ) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 373, FOR ANSWE 14.12.2001 REGARDING TRADE POLICY GROUP

HS NUMBER PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

07089015 Lentils, fresh or chilled, shelled or unshelled
07139060 Dried leguminous vegetables nesi, shelled, if entered for consumption during the period from May 1 through August 31 inclusive, in any year
07139080 Dried leguminous vegetables nesi, shelled
08023100 Walnuts, fresh or dried, in shell
09042076 Fruits of the genus capsicum, ground, nesoi
09101040 Ginger, ground
10063010 Rice semi-milled or wholly milled. whether or not polished or glazed, parboiled
14039040 Piassava, couch-grss and other vegetable materials nesi, of a kind used primarily in brooms or bushes
17011105 Cane Sugar, raw, in solid form, w/o added flavoring or coloring, subject to gen note 15 of the HTS
17019105 Cane/beet sugar & pure sucrose, refined, solid, w/added coloring but not flav., subject to gen. note 15 of the HTS
18061065 Cocoa powder, o/90% by dry wt of sugar, neosi, subject to add. US note 1 to ch.18
20019045 Mangoes, prepared or preserved by vinegar or acetic acid
21012032 Preparations with a basis of extracts, essences or concentrates or with a basis of tea or mate, subject to general note 15 ( outside quota)
25162200 Sandstone, merely cut into blocks or slabs of a rectangular ( including square) shape
39206320 Nonadhesive plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, noncellular, not combined with other materials, of unsaturated polysters, not flexible
39209300 Nonadhesive plate, sheets, film, fil and strip, noncelllar, not combined with other materials, of amino-resins
41043920 Upholstery leather, of bovine and equine leather, nesi, without hair on. parchment dressed or prepared after tanning
41043950 Upper & sole leather of bovine ( ox buffalo ) or equine animals,

parchment dressed or prep. after tanning, ex. full grains and grain splits
41061200 Goat or kidskin leather, w/o hair on, not incl. chamois, patent, patent laminated leather, pretanned not vegetable pretanned
41061920 Wet blues of goat or kidskin leather, without hair on, not incl. chamois, patent patent laminated or metallized leather. tanned or retanned
41061930 Goat or kidskin leather, without hair on, not incl. chamois, patent patent laminated or metalized leather, tanned or retanned, nesi
41062030 Goat or kidskin leather, w/o hair on, excludig leather of heading 4108 or 4109 parchment - dressed or prepared after tanning, not fancy
41062060 Goat or kidskin leather, w/o heair on, excluding leather of heading 4108 or 4109 parchment-dressed / prepared after tanning. facny
50079030 Woven silk fabrics, containing 85 per5cent or more by weight of silk or silk waste nesoi
52095130 Printed plain weave certified hand-loomed fabrics of cotton, containing 85% or more cotton by weight, weighting more than 200 gm/ms.
53072000 Yarn jute or other textile best fibers ( excluding flax, rue hemp. and rame). multiple ( folded ) or cabled
57023910 Carpets and othe textile floor coverings of pile construction, woven, not tufed or flocked, not made up, of jute
57024915 Carpets and other textile floor coverings of pile construction, woven, not tufed or flocked, made up of jute
57029920 Carpets and other textile floor coverings, not of pile construction, woven, made up of other textile materials nesoi
59049100 Floor coverings consisiting of a coating applied on a textile backing, with a base consisting of needleloom felt or nonwovens
63029910 Toilet and kitchen linen of textile materials nesoi, containing 85% or more by weight of silk or silk waste
68149000 Worked mica and articles of mica, nesoi, whether or not on a support of paper. paperboard or other materials
71131925 Gold mixed link necklaces and neck chains
71131929 Gold necklaces and neck chains ( o/than of rope or mixed links)
71131950 Precious metal ( o/than silver ) articles of jewellery and parts thereto, whether or not plated or clad with precious metal, nesoi.
71132021 Base metal clad w/gold rope necklaces and neck chains.
71132025 Base metal clad w/gold mixed link necklaces and neck chains.

71132029 Base metal clad w/gold necklaces and neck chains nesoi
85401210 Cathode-ray television picture tubes incl. video monitor, monochrome, non-high definition, w/face plate diagonal >29cm and